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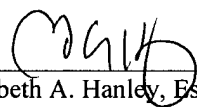
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Please amend the following claims:

A1 4. [Amended] The tetracycline compound of claim 1, wherein R⁷ is aryl.

A2 26. [Amended] The tetracycline compound of claim 1, wherein R⁷ is substituted or unsubstituted alkyl.